



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/586,641
Applicant(s): Hirokatsu SHIMADA
For: PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD
TO CONTROL PRINTERS IN NETWORK TO
WHICH MULTIPLE PRINTERS ARE
CONNECTED, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM
PRODUCT TO PERFORM SAID CONTROL
Confirmation No.: 7764
Customer No.: 24367
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Group Art Unit: 2624
Examiner: Thierry L. Pham

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RESPONSE

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2004, which provides for a response period ending September 7, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action for one additional month to October 10, 2004, is being filed concurrently.

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